

STATE OF MAINE
KENNEBEC, ss.

SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL ACTION
DOCKET NO. CV-89-088

PAUL BATES, et al.,

Plaintiffs

v.

ORDER APPROVING
PLAN

BRENDA HARVEY, COMMISSIONER,
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES, et al,

Defendants

Pursuant to the remand issued by the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine and the Superior Court, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) submitted the *Adult Mental Health Services Plan* on June 30, 2005. As submitted, the Plan received only conditional approval and the conditions were not met. As a result, a series of amendments have been offered by DHHS, culminating in final amendments, prepared in consultation with Plaintiffs' counsel, and submitted on October 2, 2006.

After carefully reviewing the amendments offered, soliciting responses from counsel for the parties, and conferring extensively with the parties, their counsel and other interested persons and organizations, it is ordered that:

The Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A, complies with the requirements of paragraphs 36, 37, 38 and 279 of the Settlement Agreement, and is hereby approved in accordance with paragraph 293.

DATED: October 13, 2006

Daniel E. Wathen
Court Master